

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 215724

62

ORIGIN ORM-02

INFO OCT-01 IO-13 ISO-00 DHA-02 /018 R

66011

DRAFTED BY:D/HA/ORM:HBCUSHING

APPROVED BY:D/HA-JLCARLIN

----- 059096

P 311806Z AUG 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 215724

FOR AMBASSADOR SCRANTON

FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 6780 ACTION SECSTATE JAKARTA KUALA LUMPUR
SINGAPORE AUG 25TH.

QUOTE: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE GENEVA 6780

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF ID

SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: GOAT CHOU-LONG

REF: JAKARTA 11098; 11099

1. MISOFF THIS MORNING PASSED CONTENT OF REFTELS TO
RESPONSIBLE UNHCR CASE OFFICER, EXPRESSING STRONG PER-
SONAL INDIGNATION OVER CONTEMPLATED INDONESIAN ACTION
AND INSTRUCTIONS FROM GOI OFFICIAL THAT REFUGEE BOAT
CHOU-LONG BE FORCED BACK TO SEA. MISOFF REMINDED UNHCR
REP THAT THIS FOLLOWS REFUSAL BY SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT
TO PERMIT SUCH REFUGEES TO LAND, SIMILAR ACTION BY
MALAYSIA, AND INDICATIONS OF STIFFENING ATTITUDE ON
PART OF PHILIPPINES, DESPITE APPEAL FROM HIGH COMMIS-
SIONER. TERMING THE DELIVERATE IMPERILMENT OF SOULS
WITH OFFICIAL SANCTION INHUMANE AND BARBAROUS, MISOFF
SAID THAT WHILE HE COULD NOT SPEAK OFFICIALLY AT THIS
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 215724

POINT, HE FELT TIME HAD COME FOR STERN STAND CON-

DEMNING SUCH ACTIONS. IN RESPONSE UNHCR REP'S QUERY, MISOFF STATED HE CONSIDERED PROPER SOURCE OF SUCH CONDEMNATION TO BE HIGH COMMISSIONER, SINCE THESE ARE HUMAN BEINGS, TRUE REFUGEES FLEEING THEIR HOMELAND, MANY OF THEM WOMEN AND CHILDREN, FACING DEATH ON THE HIGH SEAS, AND MANIFESTLY WITHIN HIS MANDATE. TO UNHCR REP'S OBSERVATION THAT NOTHING HAD HAPPENED THUS FAR TO THOSE ABOARD CHOU-LONG, MISOFF REPLIED THAT BY TIME THEY WERE FORCED TO PUT OUT AGAIN IN UNSEAWORTHY CRAFT, IT COULD WELL BE TOO LATE.

2. UNHCR REP STATED HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SAMPATKUMAR EARLIER THIS MORNING AND LATTER ALREADY APPRISED OF CHOU-LONG CASE. REP STATED HE WOULD TAKE UP SUBJECT IMMEDIATELY WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER AND DETERMINE WHAT FURTHER ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN BY UNHCR.

3. COMMENT. MISSION CONSIDERS THIS MATTER OF UTMOST GRAVITY WHICH INVOLVES FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPT AND PURPOSE OF HIGH COMMISSION. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS AS TO STAND MISSION SHOULD TAKE OFFICIALLY WITH UNHCR. CATTO
UNQUOTE ROBINSON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REFUGEES, POLITICAL ASYLUM, SHIPS, REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, RESCUE OPERATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 31 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: saccheem
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE215724
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: D/HA/ORM:HBCUSHING
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760330-1154
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t1976082/aaaaaayp.tel
Line Count: 85
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN ORM
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 JAKARTA 11098
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: saccheem
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12 MAY 2004 by buchant0>; APPROVED <09 SEP 2004 by saccheem>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: GOAT CHOU-LONG
TAGS: SREF, ID, UNHRC
To: USUN NEW YORK
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006